

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please delete the present title and replace with the new title Polynucleotides Encoding

Human Neurexin-Like Proteins--.

In the claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice and without disclaimer as drawn to non-elected inventions.

Please amend the claims so that the text of the amended claims read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (b) hybridizes to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 under highly stringent conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO₄, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and 1 mM EDTA at 65°C and washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1% SDS at 68°C.

Please add new claims 6-8 as follows:

--6. (New) A recombinant expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3.

7. (New) The recombinant expression vector of claim 6, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

8. (New) A host cell comprising the recombinant expression vector of claim 6.--